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1. GREATLY APPRECIATE REF B WHICH CONFIRMS ACCEPTANCE
13 UAE AIR FORCE CADETS FOR UPT IN FY 78 FOLLOWING ELT.

2. DCM CONVEYED CONTENTS REF B TO UAE ARMED FORCES DIRECTOR
OF TRAINING LTC TALAL MAHMOUD WHO ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
PROMPT USAF RESPONSE. HOWEVER, TALAL SAID HE CONCERNED ABOUT
NEARLY FOUR MONTH WAIT UNTIL MAY 78 BEFORE 13 CADETS COULD
ENTER ELT. HE EXPLAINED THAT CADETS, HAVING COMPLETED THEIR
BASIC MILITARY TRAINING, ARE NOW SITTING AROUND WITH NOTHING
TO DO PENDING THEIR PLACEMENT IN TRAINING PROGRAM. CAMMANDER
OF WESTERN MILITARY REGION COLONEL SHAIKH SULTAN BIN
ZAYID AL MAHAYYAN IS PERSONALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS
PROBLEM AND MAY UNSTRUCT TALAL TO PLACE CADETS IN
ELT PROGRAM IN UK FOR THREE MONTHS PENDING COMMENCEMENT
ELT COURSE AT LACKLAND AFB UNLESS USAF ABLE TO ADVANCE
DATE FOR COMMENCEMNT ELT IN CONUS. IN RESPONSE DCM'S
QUERY TALAL SAID NO ELT PROGRAM OR FACILITY EXISTS IN
ABU DHABI INTO WHICH THESE CADETS MIGHT BE PLACED IN
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INTERIM. DCM POINTED OUT THAT USAF PROCEDURES AND
PRIOR COMMITMENTS ON AVAILABLE SPACES AT DLI/ELC
WOULD PROBABLY PRECLUDE ANY EARLIER ENTRY BY CADETS
INTO ELT BUT THAT HE WOULD RAISE TALAL'S CONCERN WITH
USAF AND REPORT RESPONSE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP USAF VIEWS ON

A. FEASIBILITY OF ADVANCING ENTRY OF CADETS INTO
ELIELC TO FEBRUARY OR EVEN MARCH 1978.

B. LIKELY IMPACT ON LENGTH OF TIME CADETS WOULD
REASONABLY BE EXPECTED REMAIN IN DLIELC ASSUMING THEY WERE
TO RECEIVE PRELIMINARY THREE MONTHS ELT IN UK (TALAL
DID NOT INDICATE WHERE OR WHAT SORT OF ELT COULD BE
PROVIDED IN UK) AND HOW THIS MIGHT AFFECT BOTH COST OF
TOTAL UPT TRAINING PACKAGE AND SCHEDULED STARTING DATES FOR
CADETS BOTH AT DLIELC AND IN SUBSEQUENT UPT CLASSES.

C. HYPOTHETICALLY, WERE CADETS TO MERGE FROM THREE
MONTH ELT PROGRAM IN UK WITH ECL SUFFICIENTLY HIGH
TO SHORTEN SIGNIFICANTLY (E.G. , BY FOUR WEEKS OR MORE)
LENGTH OF TIME CADETS WOULD NEED REMAIN AT DLIELC TO
REACH ECL OF 80, COULD USAF PROVIDE MEANINGFUL INTERIM
TRAINING ACTIVITIES TO OCCUPY THEIR TIME AND ENERGIES
PENDING INITIATION UPT PHASE I? EMBASSY WOULD
RECOMMEND AGAINST STUDENTS WHO MIGHT FINISH/EARLY BEING
PERMITTED RETURN TO UAE ON LEAVE AS THEIR RESUBMERSION
IN ARABIC-SPEAKING MILIEU LIKELY TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT
DEGRADATION OF ECL.
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